## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-46. (Canceled).

47. (New) An amphiphilic pyridinium compound having a structure:

wherein,  $R_1$  is selected from the group consisting of:

and  $R_2$  is selected from the group consisting of H and 3-CONH<sub>2</sub>, and n is an integer between 8 and 10.

48. (New) The amphiphilic pyridinium compound of Claim 47, wherein  $R_1$  is

and  $R_2$  is H, and n is 8.

49. (New) The amphiphilic pyridinium compound of Claim 47, wherein  $R_1$  is

and R<sub>2</sub> is H, and n is 8.

50. (New) The amphiphilic pyridinium compound of Claim 47, wherein  $R_1$  is

and  $R_2$  is H, and n is 10.

51. (New) The amphiphilic pyridinium compound of Claim 47, wherein  $R_1$  is

and  $R_2$  is H, and n is 8.

52. (New) The amphiphilic pyridinium compound of Claim 47, wherein  $R_1$  is

and R<sub>2</sub> is H, and n is 8.

53. (New) The amphiphilic pyridinium compound of Claim 47, wherein  $R_1$  is

and R<sub>2</sub> is H, and n is 8.

54. (New) The amphiphilic pyridinium compound of Claim 47, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is

and  $R_2$  is 3-CONH<sub>2</sub>, and n is 8.

55. (New) The amphiphilic pyridinium compound of Claim 47, wherein  $R_1$  is

and  $R_2$  is H, and n is 8.

## 56. (New) An amphiphilic pyridinium compound having a structure:

wherein R<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of:

and  $R_2$  is selected from the group consisting of H and 3-CONH<sub>2</sub>, and n is an integer between 8 and 10.

57. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an amphiphilic pyridinium compound of claim 56, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

58. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 57, wherein said amphiphilic pyridinium compound is

59. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 57, wherein said amphiphilic pyridinium compound is

60. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 57, wherein said amphiphilic pyridinium compound is